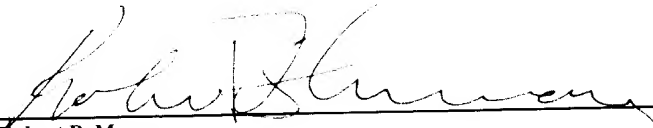


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TITLE OF INVENTION: USE OF SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS FOR TREATMENT OF RAW HIDE, CORRESPONDING COMPOSITIONS AND PROCESS, AND HIDES THUS TREATED					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Jacques BROSSE (of La Grand Croix, France) and Bernard SABATIER (of Saint-Etienne, France)					
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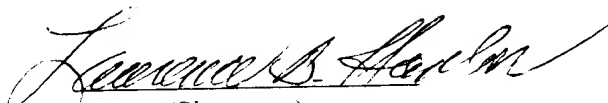
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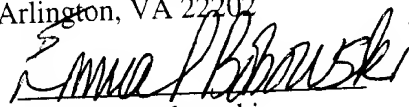
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